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SOURCE:

1. In May 1953 the Phoenix Villa, formerly the China Travel Agency, was opened in Rangoon. The Chinese Communist Embassy sponsored the opening of the Villa with a distribution of 50,000 yuan, and supplements that amount each month with 10,000 yuan or more, if necessary.
2. The Phoenix Villa is managed by FANG Shui-lung (2455/3055/7127), TS'ENG Ch'eng-fa (2582/2052/4099), CHANG Shu-ken (1728/2885/2704), HSU Ssu-min (1776/0934/3046), LIN Shui-shih (2651/3055/4258), and LIN Jung-ch'uan (2651/2837/3123). Outwardly it has the character of a club, but in reality it is a Chinese Communist underground work organization, directly under the orders of the Chinese Communist Embassy.
3. The Villa is well equipped, especially for gambling, and dances are held every Sunday. It is planned to have a cocktail party once a month with 40 or more dancing partners brought from Canton via Hong Kong into Burma as special workers. These groups of women are trained at Peiping before they are sent to Burma. Foreigners are welcomed at the Villa, and rightist anti-Communist Chinese leaders are attracted by the entertainment offered.
4. The aims of the groups sent from Canton are:
 - a. To break up the solidarity of the rightists, and sow dissension among their leaders and societies.
 - b. To strive to win over anti-communists.
 - c. To observe the activities of the anti-communist Chinese.
 - d. To gather intelligence.
 - e. To try to capture the support of the youth and persuade them to return to China to join the army or serve in another capacity.
 - f. To gain the support of friendly countries, making Burmese officials an objective.

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5. On 16 May, LI P'ing (2621/5493) and MENG Ying (1322/5391), Counsellors of the Chinese Communist Embassy, HSIAO Kang (5618/1511), Second Secretary of the Embassy, YEH Chen-jung (5509/2182/2837), CH'EN Feng (7115/1496) and other workers at the Embassy attended a meeting in the third floor offices of the Burman on Mogul Street, Rangoon. Also present at the meeting were the head of the propaganda department and other officers of the Burma Workers and Peasants Party, Dr. Tran Van Luan of the Viet Minh News Agency, and other communist sympathizers in newspaper work. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss developments in North Burma and the objectives of future propaganda in an effort to ensure that plans for future work would receive a united response from English Chinese, and Burmese newspapers.
6. On 17 May, an anti-Chinese Nationalist meeting was held at the municipal hall in Rangoon which was attended by representatives of the Sino-Burmese Friendship Association, the Burma Workers and Peasants Party, the Sino-Soviet Cultural Association, the Irrawaddy Shop Employees Federation, the Students Federation, the Teachers Federation and various other organizations. Those in attendance were:

CHOU Ho-shu (0719/4421/2579)
 HSIAO Wei-mei (5618/4850/2734)
 FENG Li-tung (7458/0536/0392)
 P'AN Chun (3382/0971)
 HSU Yueh-ts'ung (1776/2574/3827)
 CH'EN Feng (7115/1496)
 HSIAO Kang (5618/1511)

CH'EN Lan-sheng (7115/5695/3932)
 MA Wei-chung (7456/4850/1813)
 WU Chiang-p'ing (0702/3068/1627)
 YEH Chen-jung (5509/2182/2837)
 LI Jung-ch'uan (2621/2837/3123)
 YEH Lu (5509/7627)
 CH'IU Teng-fu (6726/6260/1381)

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